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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHERN DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER C. LUKE

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:14cv240 DPJ-FKB

NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

DEPOSITION OF BILLY GUESS

Taken at the instance of the Plaintiff at Wade White, PLLC 501 West Main Street Philadelphia, Mississippi Wednesday, April 1st, 2015 Commencing at 2:16 p.m.

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2	AITEMOANCES	2	having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified	
3	3 COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF:		as follows:	
4	ROBERT O. WALLER, ESQUIRE	3 4		
5	WALLER & WALLER 5 220 South President Street		MR. WALLER: This deposition of Billy Guess is	
	Jackson, Mississippi 39201	5 6	being taken pursuant to notice and pursuant to the Rules	
6	Post Office Box 4	7	of Mississippi Civil Procedure. Objections except as to	
7	Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0004 Phone: (601) 354-5252		form shall be reserved for the trial of the matter.	
,	Fax: (601) 354-2681	8	EXAMINATION	
8	bobwaller@wallerandwaller.com	9	BY MR. WALLER:	
9	COLINGEL FOR THE DEFENDANTS.	10	Q. Mr. Guess, would you state your name as it	
10 11	COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANTS: STEVEN J. GRIFFIN, ESQUIRE	11	appears on your birth certificate?	
	DANIEL COKER HORTON & BELL	12	A. Billy Ray Guess.	
12	4400 Old Canton Road, Suite 400	13	Q. And your home address, please, sir?	
13	Jackson, Mississippi 39211-5982 4400 Old Canton Road, Suite 400	14	A. 11011 Road 361. Road 361. Sir?	
13	Jackson, Mississippi 39211-5982	15	Q. Go ahead. Philadelphia?	
14	Phone: (601) 969-7607	16	A. Let's see. It's 11	
	Fax: (601) 969-1116	17	Q. She's writing it down, so I'm not writing it. Go	
15 16	sgriffin@danielcoker.com	18	ahead.	
17		19	A. Oh, okay. I thought that looked funny. Where	
18		20	did I get to?	
19		21	Q. 110 go ahead. Just start over.	
20 21		22	A. Road 361, Union, Mississippi 39365.	
22		23	Q. How long have you lived at that address?	
23		24	A. About 15 a good while.	
24 25		25	Q. All right. Where were you born?	
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18		18	another 32 days in the hospital, the cardiac care unit.	
19		19	Since then, I've had four stents and four heart attacks	
20		20	and a blood clot.	
21		21	Q. What is your wife's name?	
22		22	A. Betty.	
23		23	Q. Pardon me?	
24		24	A. Betty.	
25		25	Q. Betty, okay. And children's names and ages?	

Page 8 Page 6 1 A. Brian and Dana. 1 Detox 2. And then Hickman came and asked me -- I was 2 2 Q. How old is Brian? booking somebody in. I left and -- detox is here 3 3 A. Brian is 38 or 39. (indicating), and booking was over here (indicating), 4 Q. Okay. And Dana? 4 and I went and sat down and booked a lady in. And they 5 A. Right in there. 5 done kept going to the window and checking on him, but 6 6 Q. That's close enough. he walked. If you look, you can see him walking in 7 A. And Dana's about 33. I may be wrong on that. there, because he come up to the window and then --8 8 Q. Well, that's close enough. Does most of your MR. GRIFFIN: Who are you talking about? 9 9 THE WITNESS: The inmate. family live in Neshoba County? 10 A. They do. 10 BY MR. WALLER: 11 Q. Have you ever given a deposition before? 11 Q. Chris? 12 12 A. Chris. And once Hickman went, he come and asked A. No. 13 O. Okay. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit? 13 me, he said, "He, you know, acts like he's doing good. 14 A. No. 14 Wait, let me -- would it be all right if I give him a 15 Q. Are you on any medication today that would affect 15 shower?" And I said, "Yeah, if he wants to take a 16 your ability to respond to the questions correctly? 16 shower and get that stuff off of him." And so they got 17 17 A. No. him some clothes. The inmate put them in the shower 18 Q. Okay. The event that occurred May 28th, 2013, 18 room, the trustees, and they went in and got him and 19 19 with Christopher Luke, what do you remember about those took him in, and I heard a commotion when I was booking, 20 events? 20 and I got up and looked. And they said, "He don't want 21 21 to take a shower." I guess they were, you know, trying A. I remember we got a call from control and said 22 22 that there was somebody beating on the door telling her to talk him into it, but he was fighting them back. 23 23 somebody was down, so we ran up there. I think Harvey I said, "If he don't want a shower, if he wants 24 24 and Walker got in there before I did. When I got in, I to keep that stuff on him, put him back in detox, you 25 asked what happened, you know, and I told them to check 25 know, don't force him, you know, to take a shower." And Page 7 Page 9 1 his blood pressure. Harvey went back and got the 1 they wasn't using that kind of force that you think. 2 machine, but he wouldn't let us. And then we decided, 2 I'm not saying fighting him, but they were pushing him, 3 well, we'll just take him down, and so Walker picked him 3 but he hit Walker twice. And they -- I told them, "Just 4 4 up under his arm like this (indicating), and was holding put him back in the cell and leave him alone for a few 5 him, and, you know, trying to get him out. Well, he had 5 minutes," because we wanted to get them handcuffs off of 6 him under his arm, and when he started out the door, he him that's on there, so they put him back in. Then when 7 7 elbowed him and took his feet and pushed back. And when they got to the door, they turned him loose, and he ran 8 he did, he started falling backwards and Hardy caught 8 across and throwed hisself in the floor. And whenever 9 him, and they landed in the floor, all of them. Then he 9 they shut the door, I asked them, I said, "What, did he 10 10 change his mind?" And he said, "Yeah." And I said, was just swinging, and we started to put handcuffs on 11 11 "Well, we'll get him later," you know, and I went back him, and that's when he got that handcuff on him there. 12 And somehow or another, he had it up under -- got it 12 to booking the lady. 13 under him, and when he did, he had both of them on 13 And then Jimmy came in, and he told me, he said, 14 there. We kept telling him to kind of be still and 14 "We really need to get them handcuffs off -- off of 15 asking him, "What's wrong with you? What's wrong?" He him." And I told him about him not wanting to take a 15 16 never would say -- tell us. He just kept poking and 16 shower. 17 fighting and kicking, so we said, well, we'll just have 17 He said, "That's fine. We'll just get the 18 to take him down, but at that time, Jimmy got up there. 18 handcuffs off and maybe he'll get to feeling better and 19 19 And when I -- I was still there, and he bit me, and I will do it." And so they went and got the bolt cutters, 20 just -- but I fell backwards. Then I got up and just 20 but he wouldn't be still for them to do it, so they 21 shook it off and went back to helping hold him. And 21 brought him back and laid him on top of the counter, and 22 22 then once Jimmy got there, the officer, I never turned then Jimmy came. 23 around to look to see who was there, give them a pair of 23 THE WITNESS: Did you come when they cut the 24 handcuffs, and we got him handcuffed, and then Harvey 24 cuffs off? I don't remember you being there. 25 and Walker toted him out and took him and put him in 25 A. But Jimmy came, and I tried to cut the handcuff,

Page 12 Page 10 BY MR. WALLER: 1 you know, and it wouldn't cut, because what it did, it 1 2 2 would twist on his arm, so we stopped, and I said, Q. Well, let me see. 3 3 "We're going to have to cut the center out, but A. I was in a hurry when I wrote that, so there's a 4 somebody's got to hold him." But he got a rag, and we 4 place where it says would, and it's supposed to be 5 poked it in around his arm, you know, to keep him from 5 wouldn't, and I left the N and apostrophe T out. 6 getting hurt, and then I cut that bolt. Jimmy held his 6 MR. GRIFFIN: Off the record. 7 7 (OFF THE RECORD.) arms, and he pulled back a little bit, but we finally 8 8 got them cut in half, and when we got them cut in half, BY MR. WALLER: 9 then you could slide it up and took them off with a key. 9 Q. All right. Mr. Billy, let's go over your 10 See, the reason why it was so tough is because 10 statement here, if we could. Would you read that first 11 the cuffs, we didn't want to break his wrist, you know. We 11 page there? 12 12 wouldn't -- that's something I don't believe in is A. This is on 5/28/13, around 2:45 p.m. "Officer 13 13 Crockett called for someone to come to the B block, an mistreating anybody. You know what I'm saying? And I tried 14 14 to treat them all like I was -- you know, even though they're inmate was down, and we needed to check on him. 15 criminals, I try to treat them like I'd want to be treated if 15 Officers Hickman, Walker and myself, Officer Guess, went 16 16 I was in there. You respect them, and they respect you, but to check on him. It was inmate Chris Luke down on the 17 17 some of them won't let you respect them, don't want your floor. He was crying and rolling around on the floor, 18 respect and don't want to respect you, you know. So, in 18 and we weren't" -- "and we" -- it's supposed to be went 19 19 other words, once he -- we got him down there and everything -- "going to check his blood pressure, but he refused 20 20 and got them off, if I'm not mistaken, I was still there for us to check it, and we put a piece -- a piece of after 3:00 o'clock. I was supposed to have left at 3:00, but 21 21 paper and a little spray to see if he would talk to us 22 I was still there doing paperwork and stuff, because I was 22 to tell what had happened to him. He would -- that's 23 23 when Walker picked him up and started to take him out of the day -- I was the senior supervisor. I think second shift 24 24 was there when we had moved him over into isolation, so if a the door, and when they got to the door, inmate Chris 25 lady come in --25 Luke started beating and kicking the door. He tried to Page 11 Page 13 1 1 elbow Officer Walker. We then took him down, and he BY MR. WALLER: 2 2 Q. You had to have that room? went to fighting. He tried to put handcuffs on him, but 3 3 A. -- I'd have a place, so I had -- because we just he wouldn't stop trying to fight us. We, Officer 4 4 had that one lady, but she bonded right out. And -- but Walker, Hickman and myself and also Neshoba 20, Jimmy 5 5 then when they got him back in the shower first, so Reed, came and helped. Officer Hickman and Walker took 6 that's when he was -- they were trying to cut his cuffs 6 him to Detox 2 by carrying him, but he was still 7 7 off the first time, and he raised up, and he even bit fighting. Once we got to booking, Officer Walker and 8 8 Walker a couple of times. Plus, he had used his Hickman tried to give him a shower, and they took off 9 9 clothes, and he was slinging it on us. He slung it on the other handcuffs that we put on him, and he -- he had 10 his pants, on Harvey's khakis and on Walker's shirt and 10 on both hands, but the other was on him, his other arm." 11 11 In other words, what I'm trying to say there is he had across my arm. 12 12 that one on his arm, "and when we got him handcuffed up MR. GRIFFIN: And when you say it, what is it? 13 THE WITNESS: Feces. He slung it all on us. And 13 there and went back, they took them off when they put 14 Walker come out and changed his shirt. Walker did hit 14 him in detox. Then that's when they was going to go get 15 him a couple of times in the arm when he threw it on 15 something to cut the handcuffs off of him, but when they 16 16 him. And other than that, that's all that, you know, got back, they couldn't -- couldn't do it because he 17 happened with us. 17 wouldn't -- it hurt his hands -- I mean, his arm when 18 18 they tried to cut it, it twists on him. So he said he BY MR. WALLER: 19 19 couldn't do it, and he went and got Jimmy. And when Q. Did you write a statement out? 20 20 MR. WALLER: I haven't -- I don't have a copy of Jimmy got there, we -- like I said, we took a cloth and 21 his statement, I don't think. 21 pushed it under the cuffs and around the cuffs so that 22 22 MR. GRIFFIN: I believe it was produced with it wouldn't pinch him, you know. And then he -- Jimmy 23 23 everything else, but we have one. We've got a copy took his hand and his fingers and held up the cuffs, and 24 24 I cut the center out, and then he took the key and took them off of him, but he still wanted to fight, but 25 THE WITNESS: This is my copy.

Page 16 Page 14 1 Officer Hickman and Neshoba 20 tried talking to him." 1 let us know, they beat on the door, see, and when she 2 2 Is that what that is? called, we went. We didn't know what was wrong with 3 MR. GRIFFIN: "Tried to hold him." 3 him. 4 A. "Hold him, tried to hold him still." That's what 4 Q. Did y'all ask any of the inmates? 5 it was right there, and I done said it. All right. "We 5 A. We asked them, and they said I don't know, he 6 called PD to come and check him. PD came and said he 6 just fell out. We didn't find out until after he was was just coming down off something. We put him in -- in down and gone when we found out that he hit him. And I 8 8 isolation to keep a watch on him. 5/30/2013, nurse never -- I never saw the tape until the other day. 9 9 checked on him and said call PD and come check him Q. He has scars on his chest and on his neck and on 10 because he's -- he thinks he needs to see a doctor and 10 his back. Did all of those occur when he fell after 11 run tests. EMS came and checked him and took him to the 11 Smith was hit --12 ER at Neshoba General," and I forgot to add that in 12 A. I couldn't tell you. 13 MR. GRIFFIN: I'm going to object to the form. there where he bit Officer Walker in two places and bit 13 14 14 Officer Guess on the wrist. You can answer, if you know. 15 BY MR. WALLER: 15 A. Well, the only thing I can say is with him 16 Q. Did he break the skin on anybody? 16 pushing and turning, and the cuff on his hand, him 17 17 A. Just a nick on my arm, but the thing was, it hurt pulling his hand across his chest with cuffs under him, 18 me for days. 18 it's possible he got scratched, but it was not done on 19 Q. Why do you think he was fighting y'all --19 purpose. MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form. 20 20 MR. GRIFFIN: He's not asking you to guess how it 21 21 BY MR. WALLER: happened. He's just asking if you know how it happened. 22 Q. -- if you know? 22 A. No, I don't. 23 23 A. Well, what are you trying to ask me? BY MR. WALLER: 24 Q. Why was he -- why was he resisting? 24 Q. Now, if he had a medical condition, why didn't 25 MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form. 25 y'all seek medical treatment for him? Page 15 Page 17 1 1 A. I don't know. At that point in time, we just A. That's what we was doing. Our first priority is 2 2 thought he was sick, and we was trying to get him help. to check his blood pressure, and then we call and tell 3 BY MR. WALLER: 3 them what it is, because that's the first thing they're 4 4 going to ask, what's his blood pressure, is it high or Q. The main reason I'm here is because Chris has 5 5 lost all of his hearing in his left ear, and I think low or whatever. 6 you've heard me say that the doctor determined that he 6 Q. Did y'all ever check his blood pressure? 7 7 A. We couldn't -- we never could. took a blow to the left side of his head that caused 8 that loss of hearing. Now, can you -- do you have an 8 Q. You never got it checked? 9 9 A. He wouldn't -- he wouldn't let us put it on his idea of how that happened? 10 A. No, sir. I know he took the blow on the other 10 arm. 11 11 Q. You never checked it? side by watching the film. 12 Q. Right. We know that Smith hit him on the other 12 A. Well, I didn't, because he knocked that thing 13 side, but that's on the wrong --13 down and the batteries went everywhere, and I don't even 14 A. If you look at the film, when he hit him on that 14 know where they put it. I know we left it there in the 15 side, he fell on the other side. He hit the floor, you 15 floor. I saw --16 know, sort of like pretty hard. And the inmates 16 Q. As far as you know, his blood pressure never was 17 didn't -- the reason she didn't get that -- get us 17 checked? 18 called, you know, it's a normal thing to look through 18 A. I -- I don't know if the nurse checked it or not. 19 the camera and see somebody laying in the floor, and you 19 Q. Well, she didn't come that day. 20 don't think nothing about it. We listen -- you know, 20 A. No, I don't know if she checked it the next day. 21 when you scan that room by room, which we do 21 Q. She didn't come the next day. You said she 22 22 periodically, and pull it close, you see inmates laying wasn't there Wednesday. 23 around. And if you scanned it and just saw him laying 23 A. Until the 30th? I couldn't tell you, but that's 24 there, you wouldn't have never thought anything was 24 the first thing we normally do on call, but Jimmy was 25 25 going on. And then when the inmates finally decided to there, so it's -- on ours, when they're city, we check

Page 20 Page 18 1 it, and we call city. It's up to city to come and check 1 and talk to him and tell him what's going on, then he 2 2 him out and make that decision. overrules me. It's the city's responsibility to look at 3 3 Q. Make that -- uh-huh (affirmative). him and say, well, he needs to go to the hospital or he 4 A. And that's what I wrote in there. I called, and 4 don't. Just like it's Jimmy's call to call the Sheriff 5 they came, and the only thing he said was he's coming 5 or call the nurse. We normally call the nurse. If you 6 down off something, and that is all I can tell you. 6 can't get her, then he has to get okay. It's down a 7 7 Q. But he -chain of command. 8 8 A. Normally, we check them, take them down and tell Q. Okay. He -- he had medical records that 9 9 indicated he had injuries to his head that couldn't have them how he's doing, how he's breathing, how he's 10 acting, and, you know, and then he says bring him down 10 occurred when he fell, so he obviously got injured when 11 and watch him. That's what we was going to do with him 11 he fell, but he also got injured when he was in a 12 is see what was going on, because we have so many people 12 altercation with y'all, according to the medical 13 that fake, and we send them to the hospital. They get 13 14 14 there, and there's nothing wrong with them, so we have MR. GRIFFIN: I'm going to object to the form. 15 to kind of look at them. 15 BY MR. WALLER: 16 16 Q. Do you deny that he was injured when y'all were MR. GRIFFIN: Just for clarification, you said 17 17 take them down -wrestling with him? 18 THE WITNESS: To booking. 18 A. I don't know. I mean, if you get in a tussle 19 MR. GRIFFIN: To booking. 19 with somebody, you know, anybody could get hurt, because 20 A. And if a nurse is there, we call her in to see 20 it happens so fast. You know what I'm saying? If you 21 her. If not, Jimmy will call the nurse, and he'll tell 21 was pushing me backwards in a door, and I'm losing my 22 22 her what we told him. And then if she thinks he needs balance, and I'm trying to hold you up, and we both hit 23 23 to go, she'll say, well, get him to the hospital or the floor, it's going to hurt us both, especially if he 24 24 whatever, but, see, he was eating and everything. lands on you. 25 25 Q. Tell me how Officer Walker used -- administered Page 21 Page 19 1 BY MR. WALLER: 1 the mace. 2 2 Q. You said earlier that he was coming down off of A. He sprayed it on a piece of paper or cloth and 3 3 something. What made you -waved it to see if it would -- you know. 4 4 Q. Wake him up? A. Well, that -- that's just what he said. I don't 5 5 A. Wake him up ---- you know. 6 Q. Who said that? Q. Did he use that --A. The officer. I didn't write his name down. I 7 A. -- because he wasn't down. He just laid there, 8 don't know why, because I didn't know a lot of the PDs. 8 you know, on that next time that we started out, and 9 9 then he started -- when he done that, he started back Q. When was that said? 10 10 A. That day. I don't know what time it was. fighting. Q. The 25th? 11 11 Q. So he was -- at one point, he was unresponsive? A. Sir? 12 12 A. He was unresponsive, but I mean, he was kicking, 13 Q. The 28th? 13 but he wasn't saying anything or doing anything other 14 14 than kicking and slinging that arm with that handcuff on A. Yes, sir. 15 Q. He was arrested the early morning of the 25th. 15 16 A. But he stayed at PD all day that day just about. 16 Q. Was he laying on his back or on his stomach? 17 Q. He was arrested on the 25th about 2:30 in the 17 A. He was on his back then. 18 18 Q. So he put the mace over his face with a towel? morning? 19 19 A. No, no. He didn't put the mace over his face, he A. I don't know. 20 Q. 26th, 27th, this happened the afternoon of the 20 just fanned it. 21 28th, four days later, and you're making the allegation 21 Q. So what was he trying -- what was the purpose of 22 22 that he was still high on something at that point? doing that? 23 A. I didn't. I didn't. I'm just saying what the 23 A. He didn't want to spray him, but he wanted him 24 officer told me. I report what they tell me. I 24 to, you know, calm down. If he sprayed him in the face, 25 you know, we didn't -- if he was sick, we didn't want to don't -- I don't make up anything. If I call somebody 25

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1	spray him. We tell them we tell them if you don't	1	do that. You would have to talk to the city about that.
2	settle down, we're going to spray you. We told him that	2	Usually, if it's usually, if a drug test is done,
3	three times.	3	it's by the PO or by the officers that pick him up, and
4	Q. Did you tell him that?	4	PD picked him up, and I couldn't tell you if they did
5	A. Yes, he was told that.	5	one or not, but he did just say he was coming down off
6	Q. Was he responsive?	6	something, so I don't know.
7	A. Yes, he didn't he just kept on fighting, and	7	Q. But he had been in jail four days?
8	I he just I guess he just decided after we told	8	A. Sometimes that stuff is bad.
9	him that, instead of spraying him, he would just spray a	9	Q. But you never confirmed that, that was just a
10	rag and wave it at him, you know. It got pretty strong	10	possibility? After the fact, you learned he had been
11	because all the inmates went to the back.	11	knocked out basically by William Smith?
12	Q. What did he do in response to the mace?	12	A. See, if we had of known he was we you know,
13	A. Not a whole he didn't do nothing in response	13	we didn't really know what was wrong with him, you know.
14	of it.	14	Q. But had you known that, you would have handled it
15	Q. So it didn't have any effect on him?	15	a little differently?
16	A. It did not.	16	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form, calls for
17	Q. So how did y'all get him off the floor?	17	speculation.
18	A. Picked him up. This time is when we they	18	BY MR. WALLER:
19	came, and we put the handcuffs on him. See, we had done	19	Q. Would you have handled it the same way?
20	picked him up by you know, under his arms to take him	20	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form.
21	out, and that's when he fought and shoved backwards.	21	BY MR. WALLER:
22	And then when he fell, and then the handcuff got hooked	22	Q. You can answer it.
23	under him. He had his hand under him, so he was pulling	23	A. Probably not, because either way, whether he's
24	that arm back and forth across his stomach like that	24	THE WITNESS: Is it okay?
25	(indicating), and then when he tried	25	MR. GRIFFIN: You can answer it the best you can.
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1	Q. Did he fall forward or fall backward?	1	A. Okay. If let me get these words right,
2	A. No, we rolled him over to put the handcuffs on	2	because I get my foot in my mouth sometimes. It's like
3	him, because he	3	this: If a person, whether he's in his right mind or
4	Q. He fell he fell backwards, and you rolled him	4	not in his right mind, is fighting you
5	over on his stomach?	5	BY MR. WALLER:
6	A. Right. We rolled him over and tried to get the	6	Q. You've got to protect yourself?
7	handcuffs - the other handcuffs on him, and he just kept	7	A you've going to protect yourself, but if we
8	fighting, and somehow or another, he got his hand up	8	know that he's hurt, you know, we try to keep them as
9	under his stomach with handcuffs.	9	still as we can, you know. We're there to protect those
10	Q. That's when Jimmy put his knee on	10	people, not to hurt them. I tell all of my people
11	A. That's when Jimmy came in and put his knee, and	11	well, when I was there, if you give them the benefit of
12	he had a time getting his arm out because he'd pull it	12	the doubt, you know the ones that's going to give you
13	back, and he'd be hitting us with the other arm.	13	trouble and the ones that's not, and if we find somebody
14	Q. Right. Right.	14	in one that don't, we move them, you know, but in this
15	A. And then it was all we could do to hold him. He	15	case, he was acting fine. He didn't give us no trouble.
16	was like like a madman.	16	I don't know whether him and that other guy was in an
17	Q. He was obviously not in his right mind?	17	argument or what. By looking at the tape, that guy was
18	A. I don't know the boy personally, you know, I just	18	playing cards and all he was doing was walking. He just
19	seen him when he was when he come to jail and that's	19	passed him and knocked him out. The rest of it, we were
20	it. If he came in, and it was somebody else booked him,	20	there just to protect him. If we hadn't have cared, we
21	I didn't you know.	21	wouldn't have went up there. We wouldn't have tried to
22	Q. Did y'all ever give him a drug test at any point	22	take him down
23	after this?	23	Q. Right.
_		24	A you know. I don't know where
24	A. We don't do that. The city or nurse, you know,	44	11 you know. I don't know where
	A. We don't do that. The city or nurse, you know, city or county, whichever one that brought him in, they	25	Q. But y'all were y'all were operating under

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1	limited facts, you would agree with that, regarding what	1	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form.			
2	had happened prior to y'all going down there?	2	-			
3	A. Well, we really didn't like I said, we didn't	3	Q. When you said he was laying on his back on the			
4	know what was wrong with him. We was under you know,	4	floor, you could have walked exited the dayroom,			
5	with him fighting or starting now, when he resisted,	5	-			
6	we talked to him a little bit, but he wouldn't he	6	right, and left him there and found out what what was			
7	just kept pushing. So we decided, well, we'll just put	7	going on?			
8	, , , , ,	8	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form.			
9	cuffs on him, and that's when it got on him, but when we started out the door, we didn't put no handcuffs on him,	9	BY MR. WALLER:			
10		10	Q. Was that an option? You can answer, if you			
11	you know, because we were just going to take him down		know. A. I don't know.			
	and check him out and watch him and see, you know, what,	11				
12	and call the PD, but he started fighting, and, I mean,	12	Q. I mean, it seems to me like he was here we			
13	he fought.	13	have an injured inmate, and all y'all did was injure him			
14	Q. He's a strong fellow, isn't he?	14	more in the process. Y'all weren't helping him, y'all			
15	A. Yeah, he was and	15	were do you agree with that			
16	Q. Let me wrap this up. Let's see. I want to	16	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form.			
17	clarify something. You said the officer said he was	17	BY MR. WALLER:			
18	coming down off something. Was that Dan, Captain Dan	18	Q that he wasn't hurting anybody when y'all came			
19	you're talking that said that from the Philadelphia	19	in there, was he? He wasn't obviously, it wasn't a			
20	Police Department? Who made that comment?	20	dangerous situation where it required that y'all body			
21	A. I don't I don't know what his name was. I	21	slam him, right?			
22	wouldn't know him if I saw him.	22	MR. GRIFFIN: Object to the form.			
23	Q. Was he a Philadelphia police officer?	23	BY MR. WALLER:			
24	A. He was.	24	Q. Am I wrong? Tell me if I'm wrong. I'm just			
25	Q. And when he said that, was that on the 28th, or	25	asking you a question as I perceive it.			
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1	was that on the 25th?	1	A. He wasn't body slammed.			
2	A. Yeah, when he came down.	2	Q. He fell to the ground with Walker?			
3	Q. But, now, he	3	A. That was his fault, he shoved. We were just			
4	A. He was on the film, but I don't know his name.	4	trying to help him. If he got any kind of other			
5	Q. Was he the arresting officer?	5	injuries, he done them to hisself.			
6	A. I don't know that, either.	6	Q. But y'all had more than one opportunity to leave			
7	Q. All right. So	7	the dayroom, exit the dayroom and find out what was			
8	A. It would have been an officer.	8	going on and get more information. You did, didn't you?			
9	Q you don't know that he was just saying that	9	A. It wasn't anybody			
10	off the cuff or he had personal knowledge?	10	Q. Why was it necessary to remove him from the			
11	A. I'm presuming he had personal knowledge.	11	dayroom?			
12	Q. Well, now, he was arrested in his bedroom in the	12	A. It's protocol.			
13	bed, the way I understand it, at about 2:30 in the	13	Q. Under what force?			
14	morning.	14	A. Anyway we can.			
15	A. I have no	15	Q. What now?			
16	Q. So I don't know how that would	16	A. Anyway we have to.			
17	A I don't have any	17	Q. Why was he why was he why were you having			
18	Q translate into him being high on something.	18	to use force			
19	A I don't have any any idea.	19	A. He was fighting.			
20	MR. GRIFFIN: Just answer just answer the	20	Q to remove him from the dayroom?			
21	questions that you're asked.	21	A. He was fighting.			
22	A. Okay. I don't know.	22	Q. Why was he being removed from the dayroom?			
23	BY MR. WALLER:	23	A. Because he was hurt or sick.			
24	Q. Well, another thing you could have done is	24	Q. Or something?			
25	nothing, right?	25	A. We thought sick, because we didn't know anything			
	nouning, right:		11. The thought sick, because we didn't know anything			

Page 32 Page 30 1 about the fight. 1 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 2 2 Q. So rather than rendering aid, you aggravated the Q. In this situation, was he taken -- the officers 3 3 tried to take him to booking without even putting the situation by what y'all did. He was confused, he had 4 4 cuffs on him, right? been knocked out. 5 A. We didn't know --5 A. Yeah, it was -- when we put the -- these on him 6 MR. GRIFFIN: I'm going to object to the form. 6 or this one (indicating), and he got it under him and 7 7 BY MR. WALLER: got it -- got both of them on some kind of way, we 8 8 Q. He knew -- he didn't know who had hit him. He decided to just take him without them. And then when we 9 9 got to the door, he come around to elbow Walker in the didn't know where he was. He was totally out of his 10 mind, mentally ill, and y'all come in and use --10 face, and he had pushed with his feet, and he started 11 MR. GRIFFIN: I'm going to object to the form. 11 backwards. And when he did, Hickman tried to catch him, 12 12 but they all went down in the floor. And then he just BY MR. WALLER: 13 13 Q. So you did have an option of doing nothing, balked. So at that point in time, hadn't nobody been 14 right, and finding out what's -- getting more facts and 14 rough with him, you know. 15 asking questions and looking at the video and separating 15 Q. And it was during the process when y'all were 16 16 trying to get handcuffs on him that he bit you on the the inmates and finding out what happened. Y'all could 17 17 wrist. Is that right? have done that, right, rather that using force and 18 trying to remove him from the dayroom? 18 A. Yes. 19 19 Q. Okay. And was it after that point that Officer MR. GRIFFIN: I'm going to object to the form. 20 20 Walker administered the mace? BY MR. WALLER: 21 21 Q. As far as you know, he hadn't done anything 22 22 Q. Okay. And at this point in time, did y'all have illegal or wrong, right? Right? 23 23 any idea why Mr. Luke was acting like he was sick or A. He done something or he wouldn't have been in 24 24 something was wrong with him? jail. 25 O. I'm talking about in the dayroom. 25 A. We didn't know anything about it. Page 31 Page 33 1 1 A. I couldn't tell you. Q. Okay. Whether he was hit in the head or sick for 2 2 MR. WALLER: I tender the witness. some other reason, would y'all still have taken him from 3 3 the dayroom out to the booking area to check him out? MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. I have some follow-up 4 4 A. Yes. questions for you. 5 5 **EXAMINATION** Q. And you had mentioned that you hadn't had any 6 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 6 problems with Mr. Luke at the jail. Prior to this 7 7 incident on May 28th, had Mr. Luke reported to you or Q. Mr. Guess, when you responded to the dayroom 8 where Mr. Luke was, did y'all try to find out from 8 anybody else you know of any threats from any inmates at 9 9 the jail while he was there? Mr. Luke what was wrong with him? 10 A. We asked him. We asked him what's wrong, you 10 A. No. 11 11 know. Q. Did you have any knowledge of any conflicts he 12 Q. And did he say anything? What did he tell you? 12 had with the inmate that hit him, Willie Smith? 13 A. Nothing. 13 A. No, because when you book them in, you ask them. 14 Q. He wouldn't respond to you? 14 There's a board there and it's got the people's name on 15 A. He would -- he just -- he didn't -- it's like he 15 it, and we asked him, any of those people in B, C, D or 16 didn't know. He just didn't -- you know, but he was --16 E, do you have any conflict with them, and if he says I 17 you know, he acted like he was sick, you know. 17 can't see it, we read the names off to them, and they 18 18 tell us, well, I've I got conflict with so and so in Q. Okay. 19 19 A. That's when we -- it's common to handcuff them that block, I don't need to go in there, but he didn't 20 and take them down. 20 say anything about anybody. 21 Q. Now, when you say -- you mentioned that earlier, 21 Q. Okay. So there was no indication to you or 22 you said handcuff them and take them down. Take them 22 anybody else that you know of that this incident was 23 23 going to occur where he got hit by Willie Smith in the down --24 A. To booking. 24 cell block? 25 25 A. No, because if we would have known it, we would Q. -- to the booking area?

Page 36 Page 34 1 have moved him. 1 want a shower, then don't give him a shower, put him 2 Q. Okay. And earlier, we were talking about the use 2 back in the cell." 3 3 of force in removing him from the dayroom. Was any Q. Okay. And if an inmate appears to be in need of 4 force used other than force necessary just to restrain 4 emergency medical treatment, what's the procedure at 5 5 him? that point? 6 6 A. That's all. A. We call -- first of all, we give them an inmate 7 7 Q. Did you ever see any officer hit or strike medical sheet, and they fill it out. We take it down 8 8 Mr. Luke in the head or face area -and put it in the door for the nurse, but if they appear 9 9 bad, we call Jimmy and tell him what's going on after we 10 Q. -- during this incident? 10 check his blood pressure, and then we bring them -- if 11 11 they're -- then we'll take them down and put them in A. No. 12 12 isolation or detox room, whichever one's empty. Q. Did you ever strike him in the head or face --13 13 O. But if this is -- and that's if it's a A. No. 14 Q. -- during this incident? 14 non-emergency situation? 15 15 A. No. A. Sometimes if they're sick, we'll bring them down 16 16 Q. Did you ever see an officer -- or did you ever just to watch them, you know. 17 kick Mr. Luke --17 Q. What if an inmate is -- you know, and when I say 18 A. No. 18 an emergency need, I'm talking about he's passed out, he 19 19 Q. -- during this incident? can't -- you can't wake him up, or he's got a broken leg 20 20 A. I didn't see anything like that. or split his head open, things like that, what would you 21 21 Q. Okay. So if he's claiming that he has injuries do in that situation? 22 22 A. We'd call communications and tell them we need an on different parts of his head or face or back or chest 23 23 or whatnot, do you have any idea how those injuries ambulance, and then we would call Jimmy and tell him 24 24 specifically came about? that we had to get one because he was hurt. 25 A. I don't know. 25 Q. And that's regardless if it's a county inmate or Page 35 Page 37 1 Q. And you had said that it's possible that during 1 a city inmate? 2 the time he was being restrained or moved around, or he 2 A. Uh-uh (negative). We had to call city. City has 3 was fighting back, that he might have scratched himself 3 to okay anything that it does. 4 or something like that, but that's all speculation, 4 Q. But if it's an emergency situation like we talked 5 isn't it? 5 about, you --6 A. Right. 6 A. We tell Jimmy about it, but we call PD. 7 7 Q. You don't have any idea how he got his injuries? Q. Okay. And then an ambulance would be sent? 8 8 A. That he will call them. A. No, I don't. 9 Q. Okay. After this incident was over, did Mr. Luke 9 Q. The city? 10 appear to be in need of emergency medical treatment? 10 A. The city. 11 11 Q. And this is a city inmate? A. Uh-uh (negative), because he was walking around 12 in the dayroom, because looking at the tape, you can see 12 13 him looking out the window of the cell, and then you 13 Q. Okay. And in this situation, somebody from the 14 could see his shadow on it, you know, walking around. city came over that afternoon? 14 15 And that's why they said, well, you know, why don't, you 15 A. Right. 16 know, let -- since he's up and moving around, give him a 16 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. All right. I don't have 17 shower. And I said, "If he wants one, give him one." 17 anymore questions. 18 He wanted one, and he walked in there and walked out. 18 MR. WALLER: I want to add these documents to his 19 Q. Were you in the shower when that was taking 19 testimony, and this -- this -- this would be one -- no, 20 place? 20 this would be one, two, three, four. 21 A. No, I was booking a lady, and when I heard the 21 (EXHIBITS 1 THROUGH 4 MARKED.) 22 22 FURTHER EXAMINATION commotion, I jumped up and looked in there, and there 23 was -- he was -- he had the water on, and I said, 23 BY MR. WALLER: "What's going on?" "He don't want to shower. " I 24 24 Q. Let me ask you real quick about these. You heard said, "If he don't want to shower," I said, "If he don't 25 25 us talk about them at the other depositions. Have you

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	seen these before today? A. (Witness nods head affirmatively.) Q. You have? A. I read them and signed off on them. Q. When did you read them? A. It's been years ago. I read them when his daddy was the Sheriff. That's been a long time ago. MR. WALLER: I would like those marked as exhibits. (DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 3:08 P.M.) **********************************	CERTIFICATE OF THE DEPONENT DEPONENT: Billy Guess DATE: April 1st, 2015 CASE STYLE: Christopher C. Luke vs. Neshoba County, Mississippi, et al. I, the above-named deponent in the deposition taken in the herein styled and numbered cause, certify that I have examined the deposition taken on the date above as to the correctness thereof, and that after reading said pages, I find them to contain a full and true transcript of the testimony as given by me. Subject to those corrections listed below, if any, I find the transcript to be the correct testimony I gave at the aforestated time and place. Page Line Comments Comments This the	rage	40
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